## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of REINE-YVETTE A. TOUSLEY <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL & REGIONAL OFFICE CENTER, White River Junction, VT

Docket No. 98-1377; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 21, 1999

**DECISION** and **ORDER** 

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained a pulmonary condition in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 15, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 15, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. September 21, 1999

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member